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ignored nor overlooked and that Israeli practices contradict all the talk we hear about peace..."

¶2. Regular columnist of independent Al-Ayyam, Talal Okal, opines under the title, "Memories of Flesh and Blood..." (09/18): "Since the beginning of negotiations at Madrid that were based on an initiative launched by George Bush senior after the world war for the liberation of Kuwait, three American presidents: Bush senior, Bill Clinton and Bush junior, have taken turns at negotiations to achieve peace in the Middle East... Since that time, seven heads of Israeli government have also tried their hand at negotiations, with the eighth to be born on Thursday [Kadima elections]... Rabin, showing the courage that the others lacked, went to the Oslo signing... we do not know what would have happened if Rabin were still alive, but the realities and the core of the Zionist scheme have hardened. This is why he was killed so early, indicating that he was going against the natural path of Israel... Since Annapolis, the latest round of negotiations have not accomplished anything and here is the lame duck speaking poetry before leaving the political arena [Israeli Premier Olmert in his last cabinet speech], handing over the reins to his successor in Kadima. But realities on the ground speak louder, foreshadowing the coming failure of all peace initiatives. Shouldn't we now examine this process closely and try to learn some lessons? Is there still time? Will our internal dispute give us the pause to conduct this review or are individual

goals more important?"

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